GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:411
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002
ADDITIONAL CESS ON PETROL DIESEL
RAMESH CHAND TOMAR

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has proposed to levy an additional cess on petrol and diesel to bridge the shortfall in funding the National Highways Development Project (NHDP);

(b) if so, the total shortfall reported in the funding of the NHDP during the last three years; and

(c) the details of revenue earned as cess during the last three years and investments made during the same period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (R B.C.KHANDURI)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 411 FOR ANSWE 18TH DECEMBER, 2002, ASKED BY DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR REGARDING ADDITIONAL CESS ON PETROL/DIESEL.

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has proposed to levy an additional cess of 30 paise per litre on petrol and diesel for funding of second phase of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

(b) There has not been any shortfall in the funding for implementation of NHDP Phase-I during the last three years.

(c) As per information received from Ministry of Finance a total amount of Rs. 13,789.8 crores was collected as cess during the last three years upto November, 2001. The investments made from cess, during the same period for development of National Highways and State roads (other than rural roads) are as below:-

Sl.No.	Year	Investments (Rs. In crores)	
		National Highways	State Roads
1	1999-2000	1900	-
2	2000-2001	1800	990
3	2001-2002	2100	1062